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A REPORT TO  
The President of the United States  
RONALD REAGAN

BY 4-H MEMBERS OF U.S.A.

1982



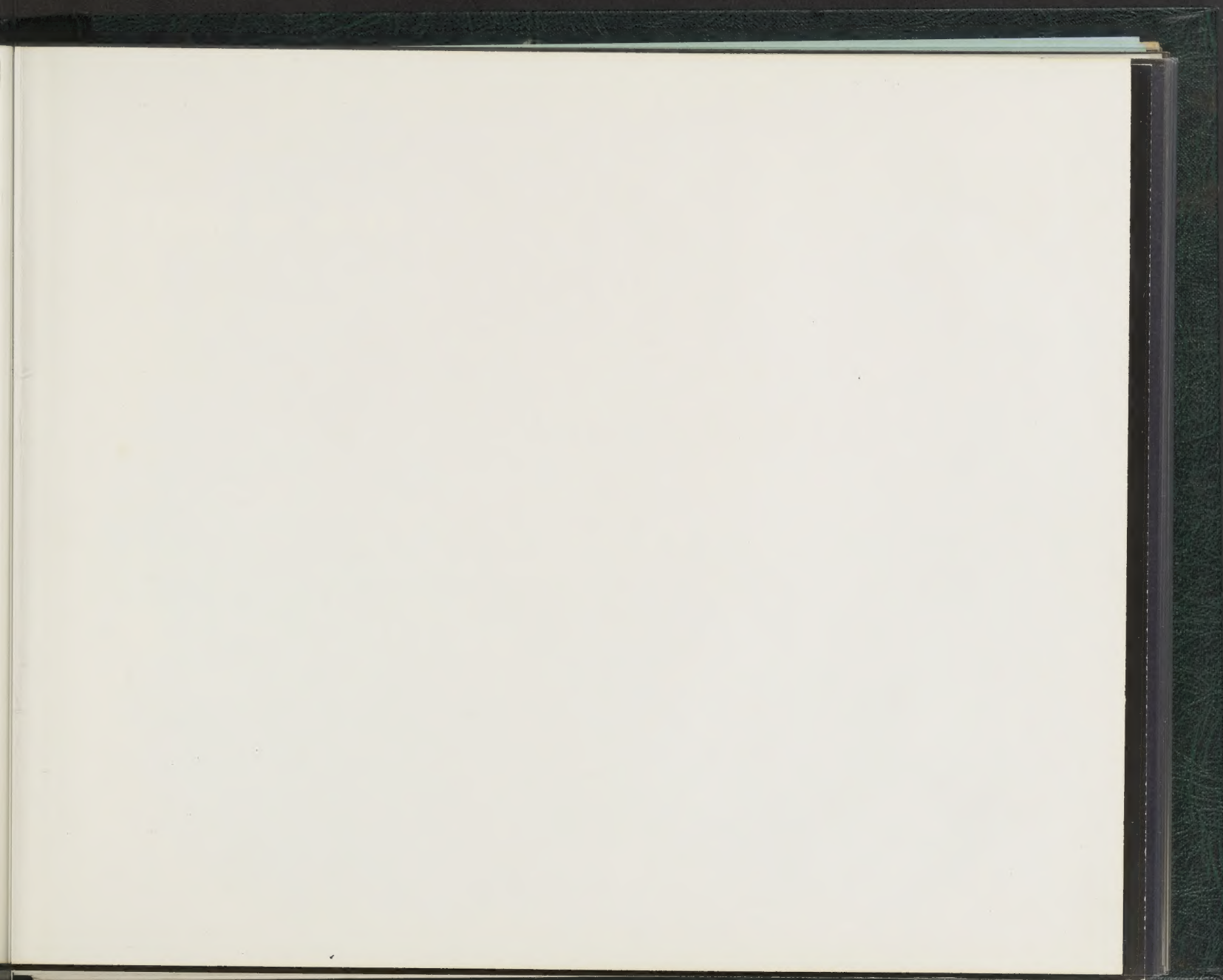


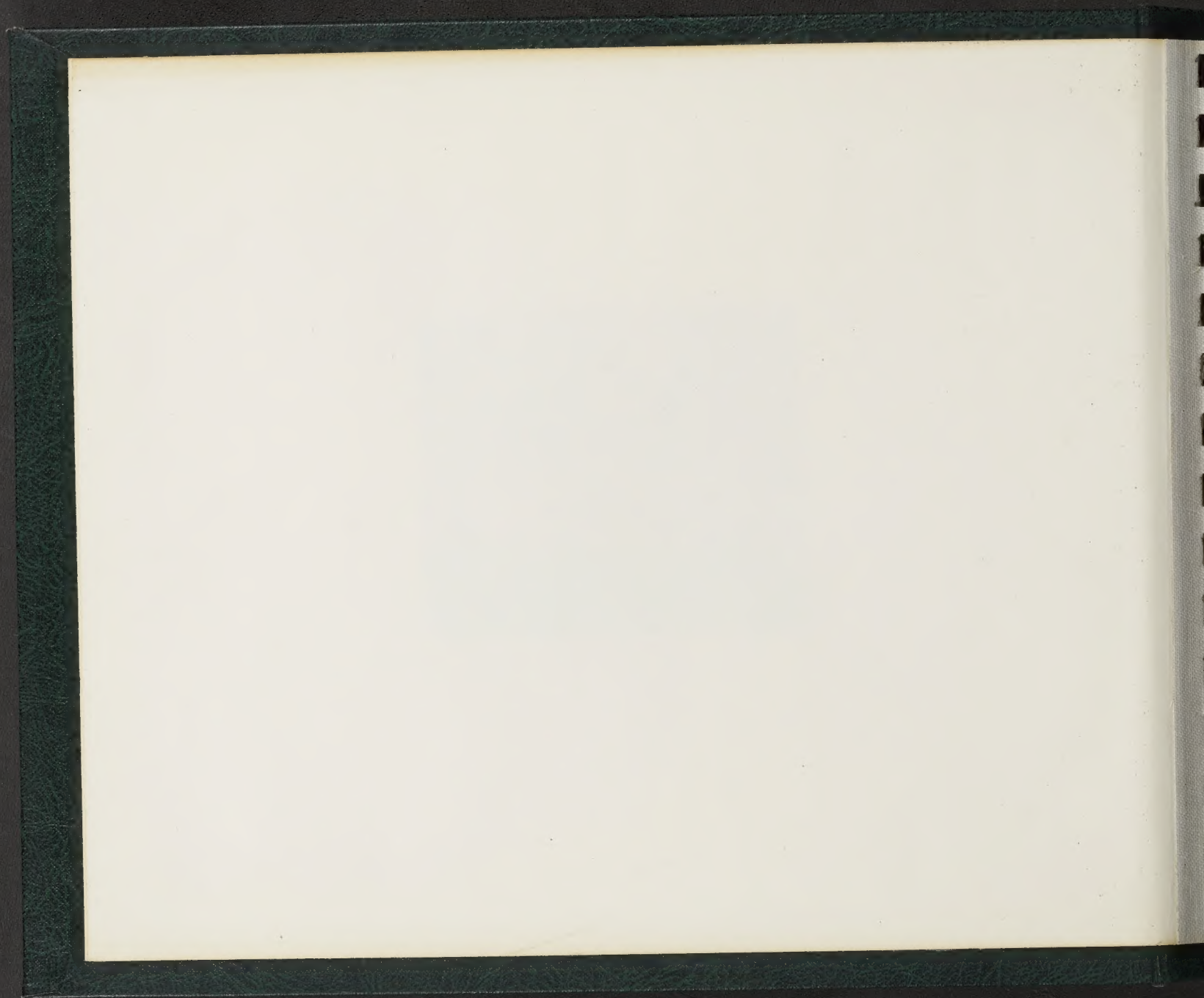
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# ***This is 4-H 1982***

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4-H is the youth education program of the Cooperative Extension Service. This informal educational program is conducted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, State Land-Grant Universities, County Governments and combines the work of Federal, State and local Extension staff and volunteer leaders.

Participation in the 4-H program is open to all interested youth, regardless of race, color, sex, creed, national origin, or handicap.

Participants are primarily between the ages of 9 and 19 and reside in every demographic area—farm, city and in between.

The mission of 4-H is to assist youth in acquiring knowledge, developing life skills, and forming attitudes that will enable them to become self-directing, productive and contributing members of society. This mission is carried out through the involvement of parents, volunteer leaders and other adults who organize and conduct educational subject/project experiences in community and family settings.

These learn-by-doing experiences are supported by research and Extension functions represented by the Land-Grant Universities, 1890 Institutions and Tuskegee Institute, USDA, and cooperating counties with support from the National 4-H Council and other private support.





**A dynamic growing  
organization, 4-H  
has expanded  
steadily for the  
past 25 years.**

5 million youth from all States, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, and Guam are currently participating in 4-H.

60 percent of the youth in 4-H come from rural areas; 40 percent from towns and cities 10,000-50,000; cities over 50,000 and their suburbs.

22 percent come from minority racial ethnic groups.

Enrollment in 4-H projects totalled over 9 million last year.

Nearly 600,000 volunteer leaders assist 4-H youth in their projects and activities.

40 million youth have participated in 4-H since 1914. Many of these 4-H alumni attribute their career choices and successes to their 4-H training and experiences.

82 countries around the world have youth organizations patterned after the U.S. 4-H program.



**Youth participate in 4-H through organized 4-H Clubs, 4-H special interest or short-term groups, 4-H school enrichment programs, 4-H instructional TV, 4-H camping or as individual 4-H members.**





**Learning  
by Doing. . .**

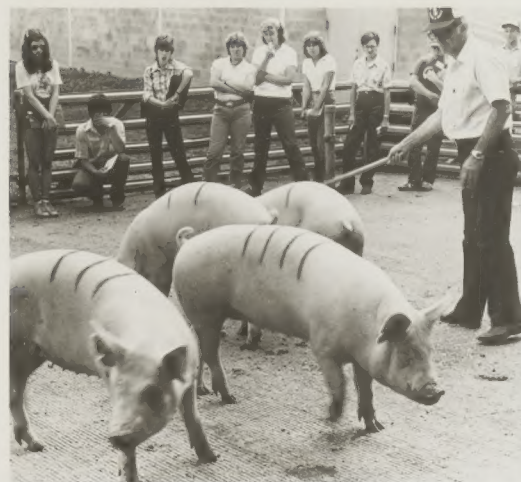
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Production. . .**







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**Conservation  
of Natural  
Resources. . .**





**Nutrition. . .**



**Health and  
Safety...**

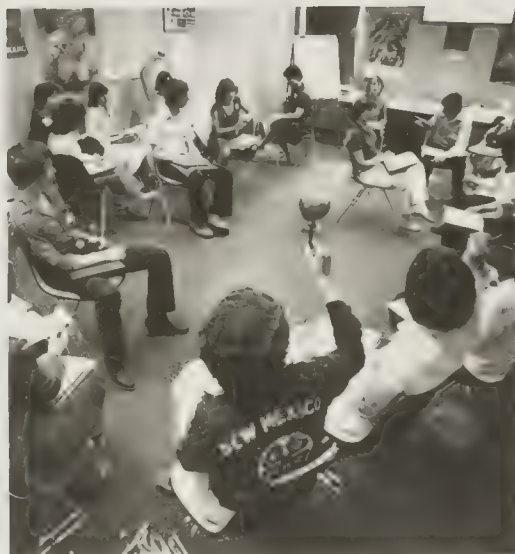




***Clothing. . .***



**Citizenship. . .**







**Jobs and  
Careers...**







**Technology. . .**



*Helping Others...*







***International  
Understanding  
and Exchanges. . .***



**4-H is  
supported  
by:**

**Adult and Teen  
Volunteers. . .**













***Public and  
Private Sector. . .***







***New 4-H  
History  
Book. . .***

***Introduced at  
USDA, June,  
1982. . .***

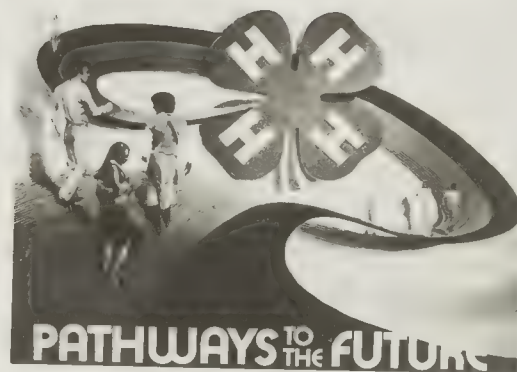




**and at Special  
State Events  
Nationwide. . .**



***4-H provides many  
pathways to help  
young people with  
their futures.***





# National 4-H Statistics 1982

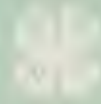
There are 4-H clubs in every state and the District of Columbia. The 4-H program is the largest youth organization in the United States. In 1982, there were 4,100,000 4-H members and 100,000 4-H clubs. The 4-H program is a part of the United States Department of Agriculture. It is a voluntary, non-profit organization that provides a wide range of educational and recreational activities for youth. The 4-H program is based on the principles of self-reliance, leadership, and citizenship. It is a program that has been successful for over 60 years.

## Membership

Membership in 4-H has increased steadily over the years. In 1982, there were 4,100,000 4-H members. This is an increase from 3,800,000 in 1981. The increase in membership is due to a number of factors. One factor is the increasing number of youth who are interested in the 4-H program. Another factor is the increasing number of youth who are participating in 4-H activities. The 4-H program is a popular program among youth, and it is a program that is growing in popularity. The 4-H program is a program that is providing a wide range of educational and recreational activities for youth. It is a program that is based on the principles of self-reliance, leadership, and citizenship. It is a program that has been successful for over 60 years.

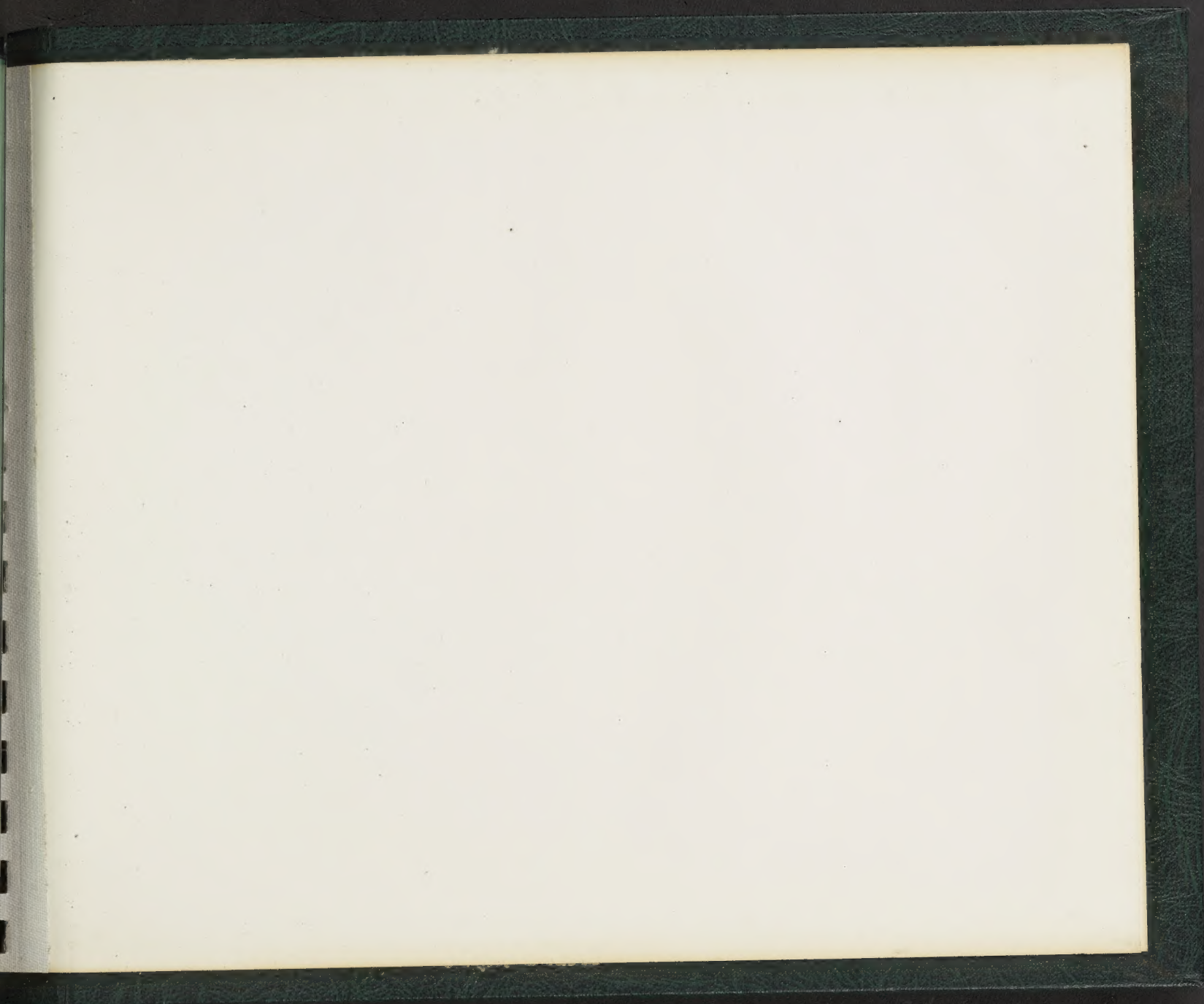
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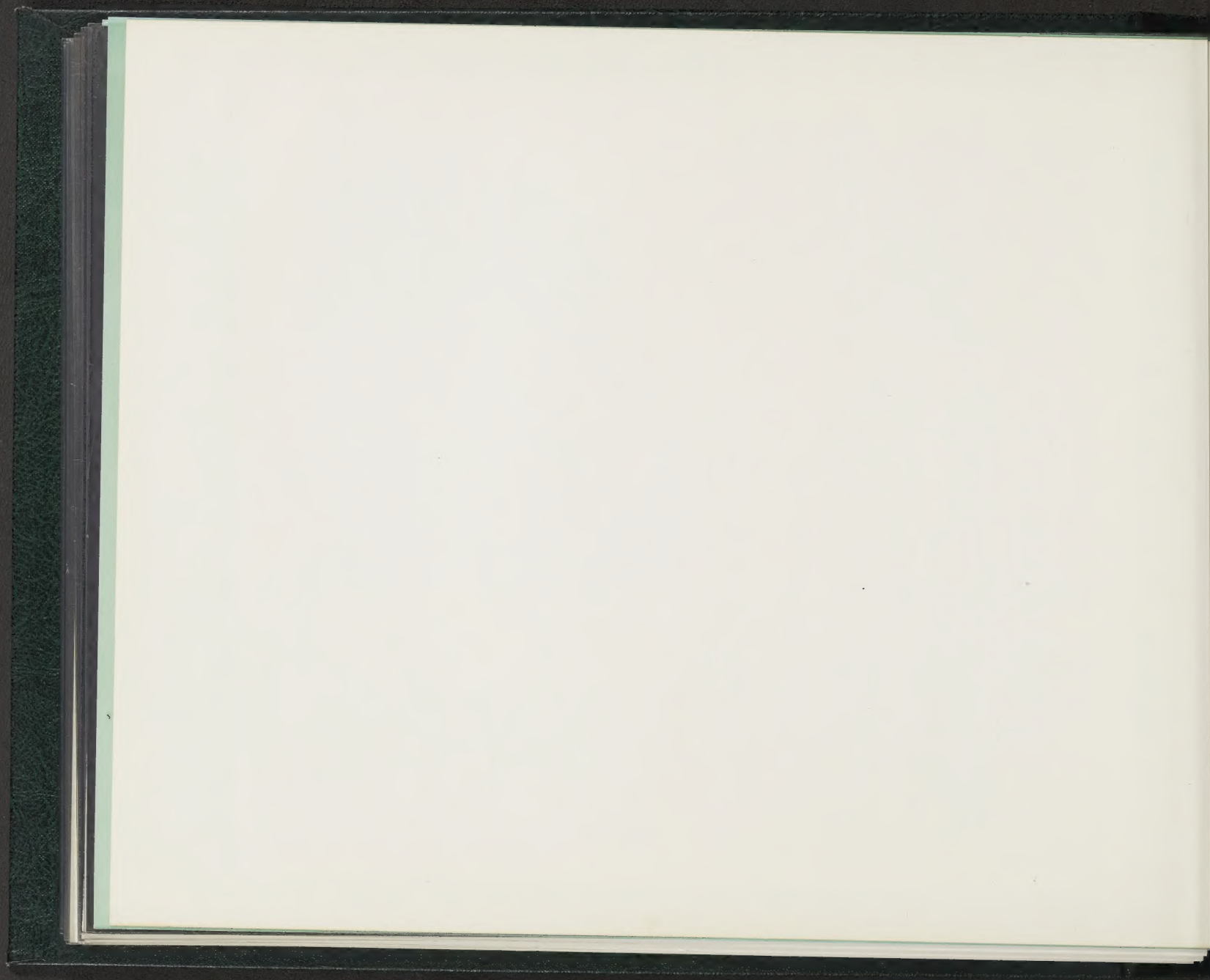
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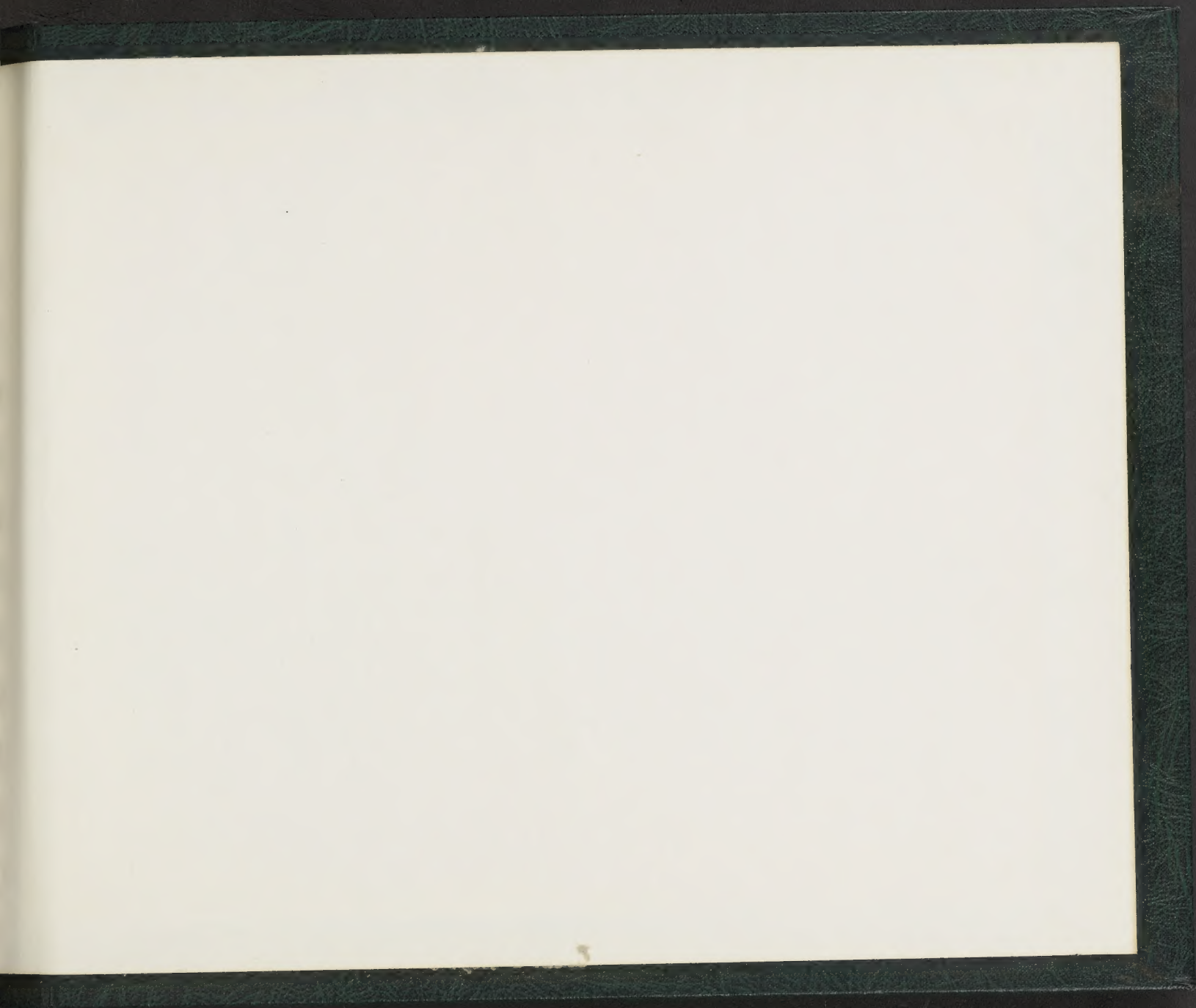














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